

the collection of taxes, &c. A bill for relief of F. A. Ruiz and A. R. de Herrera, and that Messrs. Shelton, Russel, Simpson, Gano, and Stiff were a Committee of Conference on a bill to protect the wool-growing interests of the State of Texas.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Thursday, December 19, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Darden moved to reconsider the vote which ordered the bill for the relief of railroad companies to its engrossment, whereupon a call of the Senate was moved and sustained.

Mr. Shelley presented the petition of F. V. Brichta which was referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Branch from Committee on Military Affairs on their behalf reported a substitute for a bill to create a hospital fund for the sick and wounded soldiers in the Confederate Army from the State of Texas.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported and recommended without amendment a bill providing for the transfer of all suits and matters in the late District Courts of the United States in this State, &c., &c., &c., to the appropriate courts of this State, &c.

A message was received from the House transmitting the resolutions passed by that body upon the announcement of Honorable John C. Walker's death, member from Harris County, which were read, and on motion of Mr. Erath the call was suspended and the Senate adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, December 20, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill supplementary to and amending an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company, approved February 4, 1856, and recommend its passage. Also a bill supplemental to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific